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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 1 June to 6 June 1951 follows:

1. Pol Dasht  
2 June

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Three trains composed of 20 passenger cars, two tank cars, five carloads of soil, two carloads of ammunition and 15 closed cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of three carloads of sand, two carloads of stone, four tank cars, 17 passenger cars, 58 closed cars, and three cars carrying 18 automobile engines.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan:  
Three trains composed of two cars carrying two  
trucks, 13 carloads of armed soldiers, 13  
passenger cars with armed soldiers standing at  
the car doors, 26 cars carrying 12 anti-aircraft  
guns and four trucks.

3 June

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:  
One train composed of 15 passenger cars, five  
closed cars, and one gondola carrying engines.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 30 tank cars, two cars carrying ammunition boxes, two cars carrying engines, 54 closed cars, 15 passenger cars, and one car carrying outfits (sic).

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:  
Two trains composed of four coal cars, three  
carloads of poles, six carloads of planks, one  
car carrying an auto, one car carrying eight

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machine guns, one car carrying boxes of ammunition, 24 closed cars, and 15 passenger cars.

4 June

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: One train composed of 15 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, seven tank cars, and one closed car.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of two tank cars, two carloads of bricks, two carloads of planks, one carload of wire, 28 closed cars, and 15 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of two tank cars, 12 closed cars, 13 passenger cars, and two carloads of soldiers.

2. Dzhulfa  
 2 June

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 30 passenger cars, four tank cars, nine gondolas carrying nine autos, and 24 gondolas carrying lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 80 box cars, two gondolas, and ten cars carrying cranes.

night

Destination unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Destination unstated: Two passenger trains, number of cars unstated.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Three trucks carrying 63 soldiers, soil, and tables and chairs.

Eastbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Thirty-three trucks carrying 140 soldiers and four women.

0830 hours

Fifty Soviet soldiers were engaged in a field problem.

A Soviet border guard stated to an Iranian border guard stationed at the wooden bridge at Dzhulfa that blasting in connection with road-building would take place from 5 to 15 June along the stretch of railroad running opposite the villages of Dozal (not located) and Kordasht (not located).

3 June

An exchange train, No. 2797, composed of eight carloads of cement weighing 263 tons arrived at Iranian Dzhulfa, coming from Soviet Dzhulfa. After unloading, the train departed for the USSR with 121 tons of raisins.

3-4 June  
 (report for two days)

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Six trains composed of 73 box-cars, seven tank cars, nine gondolas carrying nine autos, and 24 gondolas carrying coal, lumber, and wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 70 box cars, five tank cars, and sixteen gondolas loaded with coal.

Dzhulfa continued-

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: One auto-car pulling one gondola which was carrying 15 soldiers (an auto-car is an automobile or truck-like vehicle with wheels permitting it to travel along the railroad).

night

Destination unstated: Six trains of unknown make-up.

Destination unstated: Four passenger trains, number of cars unstated.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Eleven trucks carrying 181 armed soldiers, 25 women, and two 75 mm guns.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Six jeeps and 30 trucks carrying 74 armed soldiers.

5 June 1550 hours

A Soviet exchange train arrived at Iranian Dzhulfa and delivered seven carloads of cement weighing 257 tons. The train departed at 1710 hours.

3. Sia Rud  
1 June

A four-hour downpour of rain resulted in a flash flood which washed out the railway bridge at Sia Rud. This delayed rail traffic on 1 June.

2 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 12 passenger cars, six covered cars, and 14 gondolas, among which were observed two autos and planks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 44 covered cars and one gondola.

3 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of eight covered cars, two tank cars, 15 passenger cars, 11 gondolas carrying timber and lumber, and eight gondolas carrying coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 34 covered cars, three tank cars, and 12 gondolas carrying engines.

4 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 36 covered cars, six tank cars, and 11 gondolas carrying one truck, soil, planks, wooden poles, coal, and gravel.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 18 covered cars, 20 tank cars, and 17 gondolas carrying planks, gravel, and iron.

4. Khuda Afarin  
2 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 37 box cars, four tank cars, 14 empty cars, and 29 gondolas carrying three autos, four barrels, cases, wood, and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, nine gondolas, and one tank car.

Khuda Afarin continued--

3 June

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 14 box cars, four tank cars, three empty gondolas, and nine gondolas loaded with trucks.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 13 box cars, four tank cars, 24 gondolas carrying wood and coal, three gondolas carrying batteries, and three gondolas carrying autos.

4 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of ten box cars and 11 gondolas carrying wood and lumber.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 58 empty gondolas, and 52 gondolas carrying sand and soil.

No date given

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One locomotive, No. 1835, was observed pulling five cars loaded with armed soldiers. The locomotive carried a large loud-speaker for the purpose of propaganda broadcasts to Iran.

No date given 1600  
hours

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of six cars carrying 500 male civilians and 50 women, and an unspecified number of cars carrying 100 armed soldiers.

1700 hours

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 27 passenger cars carrying civilians who wore jackets, trousers, and black caps.

5 Namin  
2 June

Ten carts carrying logs and three trucks carrying foodstuffs went from Gaduk (38-35N, 48-20E) to Gmstonok post (not located). One truck carrying telephone poles went from the village of Gloose to the Gloose post (not located).

No date given

One artillery piece was emplaced facing Iranian territory in the vicinity of Namin.

No date given

Six cavalry soldiers, four infantrymen, and one officer conducted observations of Iranian territory from the Molloyard post (not located).

6. Astara  
3 June

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Eleven trucks, two autos; one jeep; two trucks carrying civilians.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Three trucks.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep carrying two officers; one sergeant; 30 civilians; and two armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep and one truck carrying four officers, four sergeants and three armed soldiers; two sergeants on motorcycles.

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